Discussion about terrorism with US President

1943. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister had discussed with US President regarding the terrorists attacks both in India and London during his recent visit to that country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the President of USA had given any firm commitment to fight terrorists menace jointly; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The issue did feature in discussions during Prime Minister's recent visit to the United States. Recent developments regarding terrorist incidents in different parts of the world, including India, were covered.

(c) and (d) The Joint Statement issued after the talks with President Bush applauded the active and vigorous counter terrorism cooperation between the two countries. It recognised that terrorism is a global scourge and one that India and United States will fight everywhere. It also committed the two nations to the early conclusion of a comprehensive convention against international terrorism.

Anti Indian activities in neighbouring countries

†1944. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a great spurt has been seen in anti-India activities these days in Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are planning to raise these issues in the meeting of UNO or SAARC?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.